



Glorystar Children's Chorus

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Audition Summary

- 1 Ages: Children 5 (entering kindergarten, by September 1, 2010, following Montgomery County Public School attendance requirement) to 11 years old (5th grade in Fall 2010) who are interested in music, singing, and public performance.
- 2 Training Items: sight reading, vocal training, ear training, music appreciation, and music theory, and public performance, etc.
- 3 Rehearsal Schedule:
Beginning Choir - 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Training Choir - 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Concert Choir - 12:00 - 2:00 PM
Chamber Choir - 2:00 - 4:30 PM
- 4 Audition Day: June 1 - 4, 2010 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- 5 Audition Fee: \$20.00 (nonrefundable)
- 6 Audition Place: Seven Locks Baptist Church 11845 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD 20854
- 7 Audition Appointment: Please contact Ms. Karen Jeng to schedule an appointment for audition.
By phone: 240-277-7629
By email: info@glorystar.org
- 8 Audition Songs:

C Major Scale (Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La-Ti-Do)



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The Glorystar Children's Chorus is a multi-cultural and multi-racial children's chorus based in Potomac, Maryland. The Glorystar Children's Chorus was founded in 1996 by Enchin Chen and the music director Cherie Jeng, with initially 25 children. Currently, Glorystar has more than 130 choristers aged 5 to 18, in four singing groups: Beginner choir, Training choir, Concert choir and Chamber choir. The training and activities of Glorystar not only give children the experience and joy of singing together but also foster harmony, a sense of pride and self-confidence through teamwork, discipline, and responsibility. Our music training includes vocal techniques, music theory, sight-reading, ear training, music appreciation, and choral harmony.

Glorystar carries on its tradition and upholds high standards and expectations from its members. Its accomplishments are extraordinary. In May 1996, Glorystar was featured by the Concept Video Company in an educational program "How To Sing" for the TV Public Broadcast System. In addition to the annual winter and spring concerts, Glorystar has performed at the Washington National Cathedral, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Institutes of Health, the National Lutheran Home, the Brighton Gardens Assisted Living Home, the Faith United Methodist Church, the Carmina Burana Concert, the Overseas Chinese Culture and Art Festival, the Taiwan Culture Concert, the Twin Oak Garden Festival, and the Asian Pacific Night Concert. This summer our Concert Choir will participate in the Sing A Mile High Children's Chorus Festival in Denver, Colorado and our Chamber Choir will compete in the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna, Austria.

Glorystar has collaborated with many other children's choruses for joint concerts and festivals. Some of these choruses include the Frederick Children's Chorus, the Maryland State Boy Choir, the Children's Chorus of Washington, the Gettysburg Children's Chorus, the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir, the Elm City Girls Chorus, the Chesapeake Bay Youth Chorale and the All Children's Chorus of Annapolis. Glorystar also encourages its singers to participate in honor choirs in the state, regional and national levels.

In its short history, Glorystar has been recognized for its high standards and excellence. Some highlights include:

1996 – Featured in Concept Video Company PBS program "How to Sing"

1997 – Performance at East Room of White House

1998 – First place Building Hope with Songs of Hope Choral Competition

2000 – Pacific International Children's Choir Festival in Eugene, Oregon

2003 – Tucany International Children's Chorus Festival in Florence, Italy
National No Child Left Behind Summit, Washington, DC

2004 – Vermont International Choir Festival

2005 – Pacific International Children's Choir Festival in Eugene, Oregon

2006 – Glorystar Children's Chorus Festival Gala at the Music Center at Strathmore

2007 – Pacific Rim Children's Chorus Festival in Hawaii and tour to Taiwan, ROC

2008 – Performance of Vaughn-Williams' Hodie with Mercersburg Area Community Chorus at Mercersburg, PA.

2009 – Performance at McDaniel College with the McDaniel College Madrigal Singers and the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County

Glorystar's music director and founder, Mrs. Cherie Jeng, invites children of all backgrounds to participate in a joyful environment, to strive for excellence, to cultivate caring for one another, and to promote community harmony and world peace.

Artistic Director: Cherie Jeng

Mrs. Jeng is one of the founders and takes on the leading responsibility in teaching music for Glorystar Children's Chorus. Born in Taiwan, Mrs. Jeng attended the Shih-Chien College as a piano major. After graduating, she became an accompanist and instructor of musicianship of the Taipei Rong-Shing Children's Chorus. There she studied music education and choral training with Professor Chuang-Shien Lu. Professor Lu helped Mrs. Jeng develop strategies for inspiring children and developing their music potential. Mrs. Jeng received her Bachelor of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Since she moved to Washington, D.C. area in 1987, she has been active in the music community. She was the choir director of Our Lady of China Pastoral Mission for ten years and conducted the Hai-Tien Chorus for many seasons. Recently, she studied choral conducting with Dr. Jerry Blackstone and Rod Eichenberger, and was a guest conductor at the McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland. Recently, Mrs. Jeng was nominated for the 2009 County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities. Mrs. Jeng is an active member of both the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Teachers National Association.